

What shall be done...

1 Sam 16:19-17:29

1 Sam 16:19-20

The call for David.

Saul's messengers ... ***Send me David***

1 Sam 16:21

David standing in the presence of King Saul.

David in late teens to early twenties.

Saul doesn't recognize him.

Ivor Powell. ...*the longer Saul gazed at the boy, the more he smiled. He probably felt better at that moment than he had in days or weeks. Somehow, the burdens evaporated, the clouds parted, and ecstasy began filling the soul of the troubled ruler. He liked the young Bethlehemite, and when David gave an exhibition of his musical ability, Saul smiled with the result that every man present breathed a sigh of relief. ...*

Here is Saul's replacement standing before him as a servant/leader.

Getz: *These events did not happen by chance. Rather, David—the man who eventually would replace Saul—became the means whereby Saul could find relief from the 'spirit' troubling him. Furthermore, I believe God was giving Saul an opportunity to learn firsthand from David what kind of man He honors. Since Saul would not listen to Samuel, God—in His grace—showed him David. Gene A. Getz, Men of Character series, David, Seeking God Faithfully, (Nashville, Tenn: Broadman & Holman, 1995), 37.*

Armourbearer: Carried large shield and other weapons for king;

King's attendant.

An officer

Became one of the king's main confidants.

1 Sam 16:22-23

so Saul was refreshed, (Physical relief)--**BODY**

and was well, (Emotional and Mental relief)--**SOUL**

and the evil spirit departed from him. (Spiritual freedom)--**SPIRIT**

1 Sam 17:1-4

Not a battle between two armies but between individuals.

The Place

Valley of Elah

Huge canyon approximately one mile wide.

At bottom a little stream

On one side of the valley of Elah--huge slope of approximately one half mile and on the other side the same.

Surveyor and archaeologist Claude Reignier Conder: *In the middle of the broad open valley we found a deep trench with vertical sides, impassable except at certain places—a valley in a valley, and a natural barrier between the two hosts. The sides and bed of this trench were strewn with rounded, water-worn pebbles, which would have been well fitted to David’s sling... we may picture to ourselves the two hosts, covering the low rocky hills opposite to each other, and half hidden among the lentisk bushes; between them was the rich expanse of ripening barley and the red banks of the torrent with its white shingly bed. Behind all were the distant, blue hill-walls, whence Saul had just come down. The mail clad champion advanced from the west, through the low corn, with his mighty lance perhaps tufted with feathers, his brazen helmet shining in the sun. From the east, a ruddy boy in his white shirt and sandals, armed with a goat’s hair sling, came down to the brook, and according to the poetic fancy of the rabbis, the pebbles were given voices, and cried, ‘By us shalt thou overcome the giant.’ The champion fell from an unseen cause, and the wild Philistines fled to the moth of the valley, where Gath stood towering on its white chalk cliff, a frontier fortress, the key to the high road leading to the corn lands of Judah, and to the vineyards of Hebron.” (Conder, Tenting in Palestine, vol. 2. 159-161).*

If an army decided to attack--become easy prey for the defending army.

The defending army shooting down at attacking army and picking them off as they were scaling the walls and difficult cliffs.

The Champion of the Philistines.

9’9” tall.

1 Sam 17:5

Undergarment made of a heavy canvas like material interlaced with overlapping ringlets of bronze.

Covered body from shoulders down to knees.

and the weight of the coat ...

At least 200 pounds.

1 Sam 17:6

A brass helmet and brass greaves or leggings to protect shins.

1 Sam 17:7

Spearhead weighed between 20 to 25 pounds.

Weight of spear around 35-50 pounds.

Shield called a scutum and was size of a door.

Made of 2 layers of laminated wood -- covered with linen and leather.

Bound top and bottom with iron, with iron ornament decorating front

E.M.Blaiklock: *The enormous armed soldier of the Philistines was possibly one of the scattered Rephaim (Deut. 2:20-23), a race of extraordinary physique, who had taken refuge with the Philistines, and served as a*

mercenary in their army. Today's Handbook of Bible Characters; Bethany House Publishers; Minneapolis, Minn. pp 137-138

Psa 9:1-7

The Custom:

1 Sam 17:8-9

Common practice for two armies to pick a man to fight for them.

Winner of fight represent whole side.

Any giants in your life?

1 Sam 17:10-11

Dismayed: to prostrate; to be broken down. By violence, confusion or fear; to be scared or terrified.

Greatly: Utterly, exceedingly.

Afraid: frightened; in awe; to dread.

1 Sam 17:12-16

David, approximately 10-15 miles away, in mountains of Judea

Keeping father's sheep.

Not aware of battlefield.

2 Sam 21:19-22

Army of Israel

Citizens who were taken from their homes on the spur of the moment.

In valley of Eluh at great peril and sacrifice to families.

Families had to pay price of their crops not getting in.

1 Sam 17:17-21

As David approaches the camp--sees men heading toward ravine to stand beside it looking down ...

1 Sam 17:22

Carriage: Sack of supplies. Baggage.

Saluted: Greeted, hugged

1 Sam 17:23

David's warrior heart stirred immediately.

How dare anyone have the gall to degrade and defy and embarrass the name and reputation of God!

1 Sam 17:24

Sore afraid—horrified, terrified; terrorized.

Goliath is shouting all kinds of threats and blasphemous things about God and cursing the people of God.

1 Sam 17:25

Defy: embarrass, cause shame.

Saul came up with incentive program for killing giants.

To the man who kills Goliath:

Marry daughter

No taxes till die.

Plus big bucks!

No volunteers--External motivation not doing job.

Have ye seen this man that is come up.

Goliath crossed ravine and has come up the steep incline

Now standing on their side.

Lesson of life. If we start running from the Goliaths in our lives they will pursue.

They will come up and move into your camp unless you deal with them.

Motto: don't tolerate Goliath. If you don't kill him, he will kill you

1 Sam 17:26 ...taketh away the reproach from Israel?

Concerned about reputation of Israel.

Reproach: Shame, disgrace.

... defy the armies of the living God?

Concerned for reputation of God!

These are armies who serve a God who is alive.

1 Sam 17:27

David interested in the reputation of God's people and reputation of God.

People are interested in material things.

1 Sam 17:28 ...and Eliab's anger was kindled against David,

Initially, Eliab had been one picked for throne by Samuel.

and he said, Why camest thou down hither? Why are you here, boy!?

and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? You irresponsible little brat!

Eliab didn't know David doing what father told him to do.

I know thy pride... I know why you are here!

and the naughtiness of thine heart.. You have a dirty wicked and evil heart.

for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. You are come down to be seen in the midst of the battle

1 Sam 17:29 And David said, What have I now done? What is the problem here? What have I done to be such an offense to you?

Is there not a cause?